

# Attachment F

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**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CARMEL AREA, BIG SUR COAST  
AND NORTH COUNTY LAND USE PLANS**  
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**Amendments to Carmel Area Land Use Plan**

1. Subsection c) is added to subsection 2 of subsection H of section 4.4.3 is amended to read as follows:

- c) Encourage the use of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units as an appropriate means of providing affordable housing for caretakers, ranch hands, convalescent help, and domestic employees. ~~It is preferred that these accommodations be attached to the principal residence. Detached accessory dwelling units shall not exceed 1,200 square feet in size and shall be limited to parcels of 40 acres or greater.~~ Subdivisions shall not be permitted to divide a principal residence from an accessory dwelling unit. ~~Additional employee housing is permitted for priority uses (i.e. ranching) in one dormitory/bunkhouse or in temporary structures (i.e. mobile homes) consistent with all other plan policies. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed on a parcel.~~

**Amendments to Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan**

1. The first paragraph of subsection 2 of section 5.3.1, is amended to read as follows:

Protection of watersheds, streams, plant communities, and scenic values is the primary objective. Principal uses in this category include agriculture/grazing and supporting ranch houses and related ranch buildings. Recreational facilities permitted in the Outdoor Recreation category including rustic inn or lodging units, hostels; forestry, mineral extraction, aquaculture and related facilities; and accessory dwelling units, junior accessory dwelling units, rural residential and employee housing associated with any of these uses are secondary, conditional uses that will be considered on their individual merits. Where on-site dining facilities are allowed for the inn units, they must be limited to that which is needed to serve on-premises overnight guests.

2. Subsection 6 of section 5.3.1, is amended to read as follows:

Rural residences are considered a principal use on vacant parcels where applicable resource protection policies can be met. Secondary uses appurtenant to rural residences include accessory dwelling units, junior accessory dwelling units, garages, work or storage sheds,

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and art or craft studios. [Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units are allowed in this land use category for the purpose of creating long term housing.](#)

### 3. Section 5.3.3 is amended to read as follows:

The plan permits development on existing vacant or partially developed parcels based on conformance to the standards of the plan. It is estimated that there are 800 such parcels and that approximately 100 new parcels could be created through subdivision. The plan also permits ~~up to 50~~ accessory dwelling units [and junior accessory dwelling units](#). Expansion of lodging facilities in the Big Sur Valley, Lucia, Pacific Valley and Gorda is possible to some extent. Up to 50 hostel units can be constructed. Employee housing may also be constructed to serve commercial visitor-serving facilities and State and Forest Service facilities. The inn unit density standards are expected to hold inn development to less than 300 new units.

The policies that follow establish a slope density formula as the determinant of potential residential development. A conversion factor is available in the Watershed and Scenic Conservation land use designation that permits potential residential units to be developed as inn units at the rate of two inn units per residence (up to a maximum of 8 per parcel), thereby establishing potential buildout for this major land use category.

Consequently, long range development of the coast will depend upon the choices made by landowners over time. A strong response to demand for visitor facilities will result in a reduction in residential construction potential. For example, if 100 additional residential units are ultimately approved for development in the Watershed and Scenic Conservation area, this could result in 100 residences. It could also result in 50 residences and 100 inn units, or no residences and 200 inn units, etc. While this is only illustrative, it shows the relationship of visitor-serving facilities and residential development based on the conversion factor. An important condition of the plan is that property can be devoted to either residential or visitor-serving overnight accommodations, or a combination of both, but that density credit cannot be applied for both uses from the same acreage.

The plan is flexible concerning the siting of new development, allowing a range of land use proposals to be made at any particular location. Yet the plan's resource protection standards, and slope and road requirements, are stringent, ultimately causing new development to be sited on the most physically suitable locations and limiting buildout to a level that can be accommodated on those sites that can meet all of the plan's requirements.

Table 1 summarizes the major categories of development according to the locations at which the use could take place and provides standards to guide the density at which campgrounds can be clustered on the site. No limitation is established in the plan for the number of campsites that could be developed.

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Accessory dwelling units, consistent with State law, are allowed but must comply with all the resource protection provisions, including but not limited to the Critical Viewshed Policy of this LUP. Accessory dwelling units in the Big Sur Coastal Planning Area shall not exceed 1,000 square feet. Rental of an entire accessory dwelling unit or portion of an accessory dwelling unit for less than 90 days shall be prohibited.

4. Subsection c (1) of section 1 of Table 1 is repealed.
5. Subsection e) and subsection f) of subsection 1 of subsection I of section 5.4.3 are added to read as follows:

e) Allow existing guesthouse units to be converted to accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units for long term housing.

f) Allow new accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units to be permitted for long term housing.

6. Subsection c of subsection 2 of subsection I of section 5.4.3 is amended to read as follows:

c) Encourage the use of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units as an appropriate means of providing affordable housing for caretakers, ranch hands, convalescent help, and domestic employees. ~~Detached accessory dwelling units shall not exceed 1,200 square feet in size. Subdivision shall not be permitted to divide a principal residence from an accessory dwelling units. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed on the parcel. All such units shall be considered as a part of the residential buildout allowed by this plan.~~

~~A total of 50 such units may be allowed in the area of the Big Sur Land Use Plan.~~

### **Amendments to North County Land Use Plan**

1. Subsection c) of subsection 2 of subsection *Low and Moderate Income Housing* of subsection D of section 4.3.6 is added to read as follows:

c) Encourage the use of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units as an appropriate means of providing affordable housing. Subdivisions shall not be permitted to divide a principal residence from an accessory dwelling unit. All such units shall not be considered as part of the residential buildout allowed by this plan.

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